

# **Weare Conservation Commission Minutes**

**January 9, 2007**

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Andy Fulton called the meeting to order at 7:14 pm

Members in attendance were Andy Fulton, Andrea Alderman, Tom Carr, Steve Najjar, John Ciampi, and George Malette. Guests in attendance were Mike Dalberg, Jerry Shinn, Glenn Morrell and Robin Morrell.

**Beverly Townes, Sugar Hill Rd** – Mike Dahlberg attended to update the commission on the common driveway that is proposed for access to lots 19.7 and 19.8. The plan has not been accepted by the planning board and still in discussion are the driveway and the status of the open space. Mike raised the question of the value of the agricultural land vs the value of the woodland. Discussion ensued and the commission feels the woodlands are the greater value given the wetland component of the woodland and its connectivity to a larger woodland area. In addition, the agricultural land in question is small and has large boulders that would prevent tillage. The WCC would like to see the woodland area protected in the open space.

**Country 3Corners** – Mike Dahlberg presented the plan. Jerry Shinn, landowner, attended. This is a plan to add greenhouses and a gravel parking area to the southern portion of the Country 3 Corners property. The expansion would be in the buffer area of a wetland which is already impacted by the existing conditions. A landscaped berm would be installed divert runoff away from the wetland. Currently runoff goes directly into the wetland. It is the position of the applicant that an existing non-conforming condition is being improved to become more conforming, so a variance is not required. The WCC agreed with this position and a note as such will be passed along to the planning board.

**High Rock** – WCC received a dredge and fill application and a letter from Scott Hogan (lawyer for High Rock). The group discussed the lack of representation and attempts by High Rock to move the project along without coming to agreement on the ownership/configuration of the open space. *Steve made motion to not entertain the Minimum Impact Expedited Application due to lack of representation. Andrea 2<sup>nd</sup> and the motion carried. George made motion for a joint meeting between the Planning Board and WCC at the next regular meeting of the WCC on Feb 13 with the condition that all information for consideration at that meeting be made available 10 days in advance. Steve 2<sup>nd</sup> and the motion carried with Tom abstaining.*

**Minutes of December 12, 2007 WCC meeting** – *George made motion to accept the minutes as amended. Steve 2<sup>nd</sup> and the motion carried with Tom abstaining.*

**DES Wetlands Bureau 2007-02424** – Town of Weare, Abijah Bridge Rd. – request for more information.

**DES Wetlands Bureau 2007-02190** – notice of hearing asking dam bureau to attend

**DES Wetlands Bureau 2007-02424** – notice of hearing asking Carl Knapp to attend. This was sent to the WCC in error and will be placed in Carl's box.

**DES Wetlands Bureau 2007-01748** – Robert and Gayle Silva – letter re. timbering, no permits until erosion source corrected, no enforcement action

**DES Wetlands Bureau 2004-1584** – administrative order

**DES Wetlands Bureau 2007-02177 and 2007-2179** – PSNH Restoration Plan Approval. Andy to email approval to Ian

**Union Leader Invoice** – the \$32.13 bill will be paid out of the 2008 budget

**Cartographic Associates** – a contract for GIS tax maps. Andy signed the contract. Andrea will mail it back to Cartographics.

**Steve made motion** to contract Bob Todd for up to \$1900.00 to make a map of the Eastman Conservation Area. Tom 2<sup>nd</sup>. The motion carried.

**Wetlands Buffer warrant article** – A warrant article is being proposed by Planning Board that would allow for driveways through the wetland buffer. Steve made motion that the WCC take the position that the Planning Board not place the article on the 2008 warrant but agree to jointly study the issue over the next year to see if the wetlands buffer ordinance needs updating. John 2<sup>nd</sup> and the motion carried.

**Land Use Change Tax** – A petition warrant article will appear on the proposed warrant to change the percent allocation of the Land Use Change Tax to the Conservation Fund from 75% to 50%. The group discussed whether we should amend the article from 70% to 100% to the Conservation Fund.

**Steve made motion** to expend up to \$2000.00 from the conservation fund to educate the public on any warrant article to appear on the 2008 warrant. Tom 2<sup>nd</sup> and the motion carried.

**NRI** – Andrea volunteered to get information on buying a computer to run ArcView for the Feb meeting.

**Steve made motion** to adjourn at 9:40. Tom 2<sup>nd</sup> and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Alderman